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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, UN

SUBJECT: LOS - REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: STATE 148245

1. OIL REPORTED IN METRIC TONS AND NATURAL GAS IN CUBIC METERS:

A. PRODUCTION 1972: OIL ONSHORE 1,597,144; OIL OFFSHORE 0;  
GAS ONSHORE 61,661 MILLION; GAS OFFSHORE NEG.

B. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION THROUGH 1972: OIL ONSHORE 39,351,986  
BEGINNING 1943; OIL OFFSHORE 0; GAS ONSHORE 208,891 MILLION  
BEGINNING 1943; GAS OFFSHORE NEG.

C. PROVED RESERVES: OIL ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE N.A.; GAS ONSHORE  
AND OFFSHORE 2,075.7 BILLION AS OF OCTOBER 1971, LATEST INFOR-  
MATION RELEASED.

D. ESTIMATED TOTAL RESERVES: OIL ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE N.A.;  
GAS ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE 2,456.6 BILLION AS OF OCTOBER 1971.  
RESOURCES OF PROVINCE OF GRONINGEN ALONE 2,108.2 BILLION.  
NEGLECTIBLE AMOUNT ATTRIBUTED TO OFFSHORE RESERVES AT THAT TIME.  
NEW ESTIMATE EXPECTED THIS FALL.

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E. EXPLORATORY WELLS 1972: ONSHORE 12: DRY 9, GAS 3; OFFSHORE 18: DRY 8, GAS 10. FIELD DEVELOPMENT ONSHORE 63: DRY 3, GAS 60; OFFSHORE 0. ENTIRE NETHERLANDS CONTINENTAL SHELF IS AT LESS THAN 200 METERS DEPTH.

F. PRODUCING WELLS AT YEAR-END 1972: OIL ONSHORE 452, OFFSHORE 0; GAS ONSHORE 264, OFFSHORE 0; OIL AND GAS 0. SHUT-IN WELLS N.A.

G. OFFSHORE EXPLORATION LICENSES IN EFFECT YEAR-END 1972: 147.

H. MONEY SPENT ON 1972 OFFSHORE EXPLORATION: N.A.

I. 1972 IMPORTS: CRUDE OIL 90,483,906; NATURAL GAS NEG; OIL PRODUCTS 99,329,000. EXPORTS: CRUDE OIL 19,720,879; NATURAL GAS 28,717 MILLION; OIL PRODUCTS 69,067,000.

2. MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS: IN LAST FEW YEARS VARIETY OF SAMPLING HAS BEEN DONE ON NETH CONTINENTAL SHELF TO DEPT OF FIVE METERS OR MORE BELOW SEABED. NO ECONOMIC CONCENTRATIONS OF HEAVY MINERALS HAVE BEEN FOUND. STUDY IS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY CONCERNING ARTIFICIAL CONCENTRATION OF RUTILE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE LARGE DREDGING OPERATIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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